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18 January 1955

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Subject: Emergency Southeast Asia  
Monitoring Facility

Dear Jack:

This will acknowledge your letter of 7 January 1955. You are to be complimented on the diligence with which you have pursued the arrangements against the eventuality that we would establish the emergency monitoring station at [redacted] I think we can now consider these plans complete and need only to dust them off every six months or so by reminding the Air Force of its commitment.

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Good progress has been made for the possible [redacted] operation and [redacted] Chief Engineer, will be leaving for [redacted] about 1 February to select several possible sites for the monitoring base. It seems most likely that [redacted] will be the locality since we have run into no problems as yet. It has the advantage of offering a central point for coverage of future developments in [redacted], which, as you know, are potential trouble spots.

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We still have no target date for setting up this operation, but we are thinking now in terms of establishing the station before any emergency occurs. Since [redacted] plays a vital part in the loading of equipment and the procurement of an air lift, you will be kept advised of developments in this connection from time to time.

I again wish to compliment you on the arrangements you have made and on the excellent manner in which you have reported to Washington on these arrangements. 21

Sincerely,

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Chief, [redacted]

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